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TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.—The closing rate of the dollar on demand, to-day was 1/- 1/2d.

## H.K. ROPE COMPANY MEETING.

Bigger Turnover Last Year.

### STAFF BONUS PROPOSED.

An increased turnover for the year, reflected in the accounts, was noted by Mr. R. G. Shewan, who took the chair at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong Rope Manufacturing Company, Ltd., held in the offices of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co., this morning.

The Chairman added that the present year had begun well, although he would not care to prophesy as to future prospects. A dividend of 75 cents per share was recommended, and \$70,000 carried forward, after provision had been made to write off Plant and Machinery, and Factory Buildings at Ma-tau-kok.

The Chairman made a sympathetic reference to the death of the late works manager, Mr. W. Gardner, and asked the approval of the meeting of a donation to the widow, of \$2,500.

Mr. Chin Wing-kuo congratulated the management and staff upon the successful outcome of the year's working, and proposed a bonus to the staff as a recognition of their efforts. The Chairman said that this would be dealt with, and inserted the words "and a bonus to the staff" in the resolution put to the meeting.

### Chairman's Speech.

The Chairman, proposing the adoption of the report and accounts, said:

The gross revenue amounts to \$221,016.99 and after deducting Directors' and auditors' fees, depreciation, interest and commission to General Managers there remains a net profit of \$181,774.99 for the year, which compares very favourably with the corresponding figure for the previous year which was \$68,776.30.

Transferring the amount of \$181,774.99 to Profit and Loss Account there is a balance at credit of \$340,897.97.

With regard to the dividend of 75 cents per share your Directors consider that this amount is fully justified in view of the conservative policy which they adopted in the allocation of profits for 1929.

### Increased Turnover.

The turnover for last year shows a marked increase and this is reflected in the accounts now laid before you and which I think you will agree with me are satisfactory.

The total amount of rent collected for the Kennedy Town houses was \$31,938.95 as compared with \$31,830.76 for 1929, and \$21,335.73 for the Ma-tau-kok property, as compared with \$17,423.22 for 1929.

As regards the prospects for the present year I do not care to prophesy; but so far, I may say we have begun the year well. In the face of the fluctuations which take place in the price of raw material and Exchange it is not safe to say more than that.

### Mr. Gardner's Death.

I cannot conclude my remarks without referring to the blow this Company has sustained in the death of our late Works Manager, Mr. W. Gardner, in August last. We deplore his loss as the loss of not only a gifted mechanical engineer, which he was, but also of one who was a most trustworthy and faithful servant for over 43 years.

I am quite sure that you will approve of the donation to the widow of Mr. Gardner, of \$2,500 which appears in the accounts, and which is, of course, in addition to what he was entitled to from the Provident Fund.

The motion was seconded by Mr. F. A. Xavier, and passed unanimously, the Chairman having inserted the words "and to pay a bonus to the staff" in the resolution, after Mr. Chin Wing-kuo had proposed that the granting of a bonus be considered by the Directors.

### Bonus Proposal.

Mr. Chin Wing-kuo said:—Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen: With your permission I wish to say a few words. I feel confident that shareholders will join me in congratulating the Board, the General Managers and the staff of the company on the satisfactory results of the past financial year's working, which we hope indicates continuous prosperity. It is needless to say that such

## "GANDHISM WILL NOT DIE WITH ME."

Indian Leader Joins the Immortals.

### "NONE CAN HARM ME."

Karachi, Yesterday. Mahatma Gandhi held tens of thousands spellbound for nearly an hour during an address on the Congress grounds. He said: "None can harm me. As long as God wills I shall serve India, and Gandhism, which my young friends shouted down yesterday, will not die with my death or its believers."

Referring to the black cloth flower presented to him yesterday on his arrival at Malir, he said: "If the youth who gave it comes and confesses the error of his way I shall return it."

Cawnpore Riots.

New Delhi, Yesterday. A message from Cawnpore states that rigid censorship is being enforced with the result that there are no definite figures as to casualties available, though the dead are still placed at fifty.

Many of the dead and injured are still lying in the streets. Railway traffic to Cawnpore is restricted to urgent cases.

Karachi, Yesterday. The Cawnpore riots have disturbed the atmosphere of the All-India Congress. Gandhi in a statement said: "I cannot too strongly condemn this strife."

Crowds outside his camp, which is surrounded with barbed-wire, cheered Gandhi all day long. Gandhi in an article in his paper Young India declares that Britain, when we reach a state of honourable association, may well become India's chief supplier.

Official Estimate.

Karachi, Later. New Delhi reports that the official statement regarding casualties in the Cawnpore riots places the number of dead at 49 and wounded in hospital at 250. Part of the city has been cleared but sporadic rioting continues in the outlying areas. The serious phase of the trouble is over and the situation is well in hand.

Eighty of the injured in the Cawnpore riots have died in hospitals, namely 48 Moslems and 32 Hindus. Looting, arson and assaults continue, but the Police reinforcements arrived early and improvement is anticipated.

**Heavy Casualties.**

Cawnpore, Yesterday.

The latest casualty is 100 killed and 300 in hospital.—Reuter.

## IRAQ OILFIELDS AGREEMENT.

Income Tax to Be Charged on Profits.

### ANNUAL PAYMENT.

London, Yesterday. An agreement has been signed between the Iraq Government and the Iraq Petroleum Company, comprising British, French, American and Dutch interests, after months of protracted negotiations, principally involving income tax which the Iraq Government originally claimed on the profits derived from the Company's operations even outside Iraq. The agreement provides income tax on profits in Iraq only and an annual consolidated payment disposes of the pipe line of production. The agreement disposes of the nine lines which are being built both to Tripoli and Haifa.—Reuter.

New Oilfield.

Austin, Texas, Yesterday. A conference is being held here in an effort to secure the rationing of the new East Texas oilfield. East Texas oilmen say they will agree to rationing when oil imports are cut to 16,000,000 barrels a year.

The Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey announced that it would import from 60,000 to 45,000 barrels daily for three months as a trial from April 10. The Dutch Shell Co. has ordered cuts of fifty per cent, and the Gulf Company cuts of twenty-five per cent.

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It was impossible to make a large population of Chinese bury their dead children. The Government had been striving for years to prevent the practice. The finding of the bodies of infants in the streets of a big city was not uncommon, and the number found in London was somewhat considerable.—Reuter.

Worse in Shanghai.

Shanghai, Today. More than 36,000 bodies were picked up in Shanghai's streets during last year, of which more than 31,000 were infants, states an official report.

Every day collectors are sent out to bring in these unclaimed bodies which are usually cast away in secluded streets and alleys, and bury them before they constitute a menace to public health.

These figures cover the Foreign Settlement, the French Concession, and the Chinese city, the total population of which is three millions.—Reuter.

### DRIZZLE OR MIST.

To-day's weather report from the Royal Observatory states: The anti-cyclone has strengthened slightly and is central near Shanghai.

Fresh monsoon prevails along the S.E. coast of China and over the N. China Sea.

Forecast:—N. E. winds; fresh; generally overcast; some drizzle or mist.

Rainfall.

Rainfall for 24 hours ended at 10 a.m.—0.02 inch. Rainfall since January 1—4.05 inches against an average of 5.64 inches—deficit 1.59 inch.

Temperature.

The temperature at certain specified centres this morning at 6 o'clock was:

Hong Kong .....	64
Macao .....	63
Pratas Island ...	72
Manila .....	74
Foochow .....	60
Amoy .....	58
Swatow .....	60
Chefoo .....	34
Shanghai .....	35

### STOP PRESS

Karachi, Yesterday.

It appears that Gandhi is ready to stake his career on the Congress vote. Sitting before a spinning wheel in his hut at the Congress camp he rallied that if the Congress Mahatma told a group of journeymen the "Delhi" ("Irwin-Gandhi") settlement, the only course open to him would be to retire temporarily from political life as rejection would be a vote of non-confidence in himself. If the agreement were ratified, he would not accept an open mandate from the Congress to the Round Table Conference, but ask for a restricted mandate defining the terms of independence and safeguards.—Reuter.

Those Present.

Supporting the Chairman were

J. Scott Harston and L. Kadoorie (Directors), together with Mr. J. Coulthart (Secretary).

Shareholders present were

Messrs. F. A. Xavier, K. Stuart-Smith, Kelly Sayce, A. E. Ribeiro,

J. A. Wright, Jr., B. Wong Tappo,

F. H. Kew, W. A. Zimmerman, K. P.

Young, A. L. Shields, L. W.

Trevor, J. Dick, J. Tappin, H.

Dreyer, A. A. Botelho, J. F.

Tavares, Chin Wing-kuo, and

Ckoy Wing-hay.

## COLONY OF "VICE"

### ANOTHER ATTACK ON HONG KONG.

### "SLAVERY"

### ALLEGATION QUITE UNTRUE.

London, Yesterday.

In the House of Lords, replying to the Labourite, Earl Kinnoull, Lord Passfield said that the allegation that slavery existed in Hong Kong and was condoned by the Government of Hong Kong was absolutely untrue. He could only suppose that it referred to the system of mui tsai and the possible abuses thereof, which, however, were farthest removed from slavery.

The recent request of the working-class of the new regulation showed that the number of mui tsai had been reduced to 4,117.

Offences against the Ordinance had been prosecuted and there was reason to believe that the system provided against abuse, and would disappear after a few years.

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Trade Revival.

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### TIM HEALY DEAD.

### FIRST GOVERNOR-GENERAL OF FREE STATE.

### FAIRMONT POLITICIAN.

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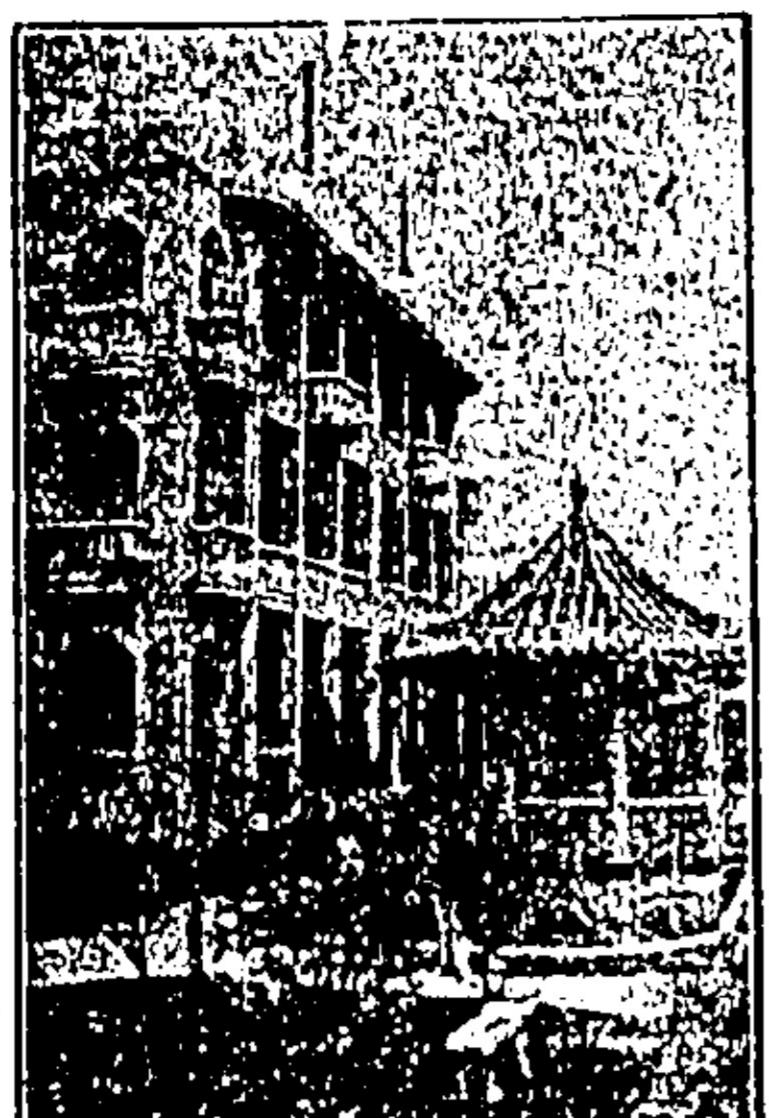
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## PUBLIC AUCTION.

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 30th day of March, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshui Po, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 1898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Content in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Open Price.
1	New Reg. No. 177.	Island Lot No. 177. Kowloon Island, Part of Kowloon, Kowloon District, Hong Kong.	As per sale plan.	19,824 ft. sq. about	\$254	\$1,48

## G. R. PUBLIC AUCTION.

**PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS** of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 30th day of March, 1931, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Prince Edward Road in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 24 years less three days.

## PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Content in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Open Price.
1	New Reg. No. 252.	Island Lot No. 252. Kowloon Island, Part of Kowloon, Kowloon District, Hong Kong.	As per sale plan.	10,400 ft. sq. about	\$254	\$1,48

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1	New Reg. No. 178.	Island Lot No. 178. Kowloon Island, Part of Kowloon, Kowloon District, Hong Kong.	As per sale plan.	1,200 ft. sq. about	\$100	\$1,48

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1	New Reg. No. 179.	Island Lot No. 179. Kowloon Island, Part of Kowloon, Kowloon District, Hong Kong.	As per sale plan.	6,000 ft. sq. about	\$100	\$1,48

## COMPANY MEETINGS

## THE HONG KONG &amp; WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held in the Office of the Company, 2, Queen's Building, Hong Kong, on MONDAY, 30th March, 1931, at Noon, for consideration of the Directors' Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31 December, 1930.

The SHARE REGISTER and TRANSFER BOOKS will be CLOSED from the 23rd to the 28th March, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

R. M. DYER,  
Chief Manager.

Hong Kong, 17th March, 1931.

## UNION WATERBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED.

## NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

**T**HE TWENTY-SIXTH ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Shareholders will be held in the Office of Messrs. Dodwell & Company, Limited, on TUESDAY, the 31st March, 1931, at 3 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to 31 December, 1930.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 23rd March to 31st March, 1931, both dates inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY, LIMITED,

General Managers.

Hong Kong, March 18, 1931.

## HONG KONG REALTY &amp; TRUST COMPANY, LIMITED.

(Incorporated under the Companies Ordinances of Hong Kong.)

## NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN

that the ORDINARY YEARLY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Hong Kong Realty & Trust Company, Limited, will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, Exchange Building (2nd floor), Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, on WEDNESDAY, the 16th day of April, 1931, at 11.30 a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Board of Directors for the Year ended 31 December, 1930, and re-electing Directors and the Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be CLOSED from WEDNESDAY, the 8th day of April, 1931, until WEDNESDAY, the 16th day of April, 1931, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board,

C. F. V. RIBEIRO,

Acting Secretary.

Hong Kong, 23rd March, 1931.

## SPORT NOTICES

## THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

**O**WING to CONGESTION in the Members' Enclosure, the FREE PASSES to Ladies will be restricted to One per Member as from the commencement of the Club's financial year—1st April, 1931.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 21st March, 1931.

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"Sometimes," said Mr. Hardy, "one feels the importance of transport is scarcely realised because it is nearly always taken for granted. Transport on sea, on land and in the air during the last 25 years or so has become more and more an integral part of our daily lives relatively so unobtrusively that the average citizen scarcely realises how much it has grown, nor does he care. We, in these little islands, do not entirely appreciate, there relatives.

Tired and foot-sore, Slim drew up for a breath in a little New Mexico town and immediately was taken in tow by the marshal as a fugitive. He was too exhausted to make objections or explanations when it was evident that he was mistaken for some other run-away and had whom the authorities had been asked to find.

"You should be ashamed of yourself, leaving a fine home, fond parents and school," admonished the marshal. "Don't you know that your mother and father are heart-broken? I am going to put you on the train and send you back to Los Angeles."

What luck! Los Angeles—Slim's very destination.

"Yes, sir, I'm terribly ashamed of myself, Mr. Marshal," said Slim, and I'm ready to go back home. Where's my ticket?"

However, his luck did not hold out, as Summerville explained in later years.

"The marshal discovered that I had brown eyes instead of blue, so that ended my free trip to Los Angeles, and I had to walk most of the way across the hot desert."

## WIDELY-READ BIBLE.

## Madras Governor And Its Virtues.

**M**adras, Feb. 5. The fact that a number of people in India who are not Christians regularly read the Bible was referred to by the Governor of Madras at the annual meeting of the Madras Auxiliary of the British and Foreign Bible Society.

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FUSHIMI MARU	Saturday, 18th April.
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KITANO MARU	Saturday, 11th April.
BOMBAY via Singapore, Penang, & Colombo.	Wednesday, 22nd April.
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TANGO MARU	Saturday, 14th April.
SOUTH AMERICA (West Coast) via Japan, Honolulu, Los Angeles, Mexico & Panama.	Wednesday, 22nd April.
BOKUYO MARU	Wednesday, 22nd April.
SOUTH AMERICA (East Coast) via Singapore, Cape Town & Porta.	Tuesday, 14th April.
KANAGAWA MARU	Wednesday, 14th April.
NEW YORK, BOSTON via Panama.	Tuesday, 31st March.
† TOBA MARU	Monday, 13th April.
† LISBON MARU	Monday, 13th April.
LIVERPOOL via Port Said, Stamboul (Constantinople), Genoa.	Monday, 13th April.
† LIMA MARU	Wednesday, 29th March.
CALCUTTA via Singapore, Penang & Rangoon.	Wednesday, 29th March.
† MORIOKA MARU	Wednesday, 8th April.
† MALACCA MARU	Wednesday, 1st April.
SHANGHAI, KORE & YOKOHAMA.	Wednesday, 1st April.
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RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTOS & BUENOS AIRES via Salamanca, Singapore, Colombo, Durban & Capetown.	Buenos Aires Maru	Sun., 29th Mar.
BOMBAY via Singapore & Colombo.	Shinnou Maru	Fri., 3rd Apr.
DURBAN, LOURENCO MARQUES, BEIRA, DARBES-SALAA, ZANZIBAR & OMBAZA via Singapore & Colombo.	Canada Maru	Wed., 1st Apr.
MELBOURNE via Manila, Brisbane & Sydney.	Brisbane Maru	Mon., 6th Apr.
CALCUTTA via Singapore Belawan Deli & Rangoon.	Burma Maru	Wed., 1st Apr.
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER via Japan Ports.	Africa Maru (from Shanghai)	Wed., 15th Apr.
NEW YORK via Japan Ports, Los Angeles & Panama. Call Direct at Boston Philadelphia & Baltimore.	Kwangsi Maru	Sat., 4th Apr.
JAPAN PORTS (Freight Service).	London Maru	Sun., 5th Apr.
HAIPHONG via Hanoi & Phnom (Fortnightly).	Menado Maru	Thurs., 2nd Apr.
SEEUNG via Swatow & Amoy (Every Sunday Noon).	Canton Maru	Sun., 29th Mar.

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### LIFE ON LIGHTSHIP.

Landlubbers are wrong in imagining that life on a lightship is monotonous and unattractive. The men on the Bar Lightship at the mouth of Mersey, for example, have only their shipmates for company for a month at a time. Life on a lightship has its compensations, a Liverpool correspondent learned, on visiting this lightship and those at Crosby and Formby, in company with officials of the Mersey Mission to Seamen. The annual visit at the festive season was notable for the fact that it was the first time for 21 years the Mission representatives were able to board Bar Light-

ship. The weather was quite mild and the sea was as smooth as a mill pond. That the crews do not feel loneliness very much was gathered from Captain E. T. Abbott, of the Bar Lightship.

"Lonely!" he exclaimed, "we have no time to be lonely. I have been at this task for 19 years, and I have never been lonely. My predecessor was on this work for 40 years. We are all married men, and we get home for a fortnight after each spell of a month on board. We engage in all kinds of hobbies in our spare time, such as making mats and furniture. Some of the boys make wireless sets. Wireless is a great boon. My hobby is knitting."

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### GUNS OF THE FLEET.

#### 'Action' Brings Ordered Pandemonium.

In a previous article a British fleet at sea was compared to a small floating town, much like any other town but for its lack of the fatherly and guiding hands of Town Councilors and of the civilising, or unsettling, presence of women. Emphasis was laid on the singularly peaceful and ordered atmosphere of its corporate life, which a short sharp call on the bugle can, however, dispel in a moment, transfiguring it, as if by magic, into a town of flame, smoke and uproar—an ordered pandemonium.

A man of war is unique in this respect, because its calm exterior and unruffled life continue unchanged in peace or in war, writes the Morning Post Naval Correspondent. Indeed, pending the bugle-call to "Action" against battle-practice target in peace, or to "Action" against a hostile fleet upon the issue of which hangs the fate of a world, eight bells will be struck, the "Hands" will be piped to dinner, and decks will be "cleared up" with equal method and care. The organisation for battle is always complete; a man of war in commission is always ready.

In order to give a brief picture of Naval Gunnery let me suppose that H.M.S. Nelson is to carry out her battle practice at 1.30 p.m. Before dinner, the time at which Action sections will be sounded off, the Boatswain's mate will "pass the word" by pipe, now alas distorted from the musical tones for which Boatswain's mates in the past were justly famous, to the diabolical bray of a score of loud-speakers. When "Action" is sounded a human stamper takes place and 2,800 feet will convey 1,400 vile bodies, as though the devil were after them, or they, after the devil, to the fighting tops, the 16in. gun turrets, magazines and shell-rooms, and to the transmitting stations in the bowels of the ship.

The stokers under the engineer officers, form their fire parties, the Gunnery officer climbs to the gun-control position, and the Captain to the Bridge. The ringing of a score of bells, the sharp report of nine electric tubes, and the sound of a few short orders is the audible evidence that communications and gear-circuits are being tested.

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and aft, a motion which indicates that the gun-sights are being accurately laid to the pointers controlled from the "Director." But, on the "commence fire," with blinding flashes, with deep roar and with a concussion that shakes the ship, and which not infrequently removes the Captain's cap, five shells, each little short of a ton, are sped on their way to the invisible targetship at an average speed of 1,140 miles per hour—three and a half times the speed of the Schneider Trophy winner. Moreover, there are hundreds of such rounds in the locker.

One and a half minutes later the five shells will strike the water near the target in a compact mass, throwing up a great waterspout, which, if very near, will drench the ship with spray. During the first few salvos it is unlikely, at so great a range, that a direct hit will be obtained. In the interval between the flash and the splash these thunderbolts will have travelled on a curve 28 miles long, and, if Mount Everest rose sheer between the guns and the target, would have cleared its remote and snow-clad summit by 1,000 feet. Sound dawdles so slowly that those in the target ship will hear the report of the discharge 10 seconds after they witness the water-spout or feel the shock of impact.

Action at these great ranges was impossible 20 years ago, not because the appropriate guns could not have been constructed, but because of the lack of means to "spot" the fall of shot, and thus to correct the sights, which the Naval Air Arm now makes possible. Out of sight, over the crest of the earth, the spotting aeroplanes are rushing through the air at 100 m.p.h., and upon the accurate wireless reports of a young naval Lieutenant, crouching in his little flying cockleshell, depends the success, and thus the value, of the action. Indeed, few things better illustrate the stolid dependence of matter upon mind than does the effectiveness of the concentrated power of these great guns upon the immaterial brain of the observer.

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Thursday, March 26.—  
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BURDWAN	—	30th May	Mars., L'don, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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RAMPURA	16,600	20th June	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KASHIGAR	9,005	4th July	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp.
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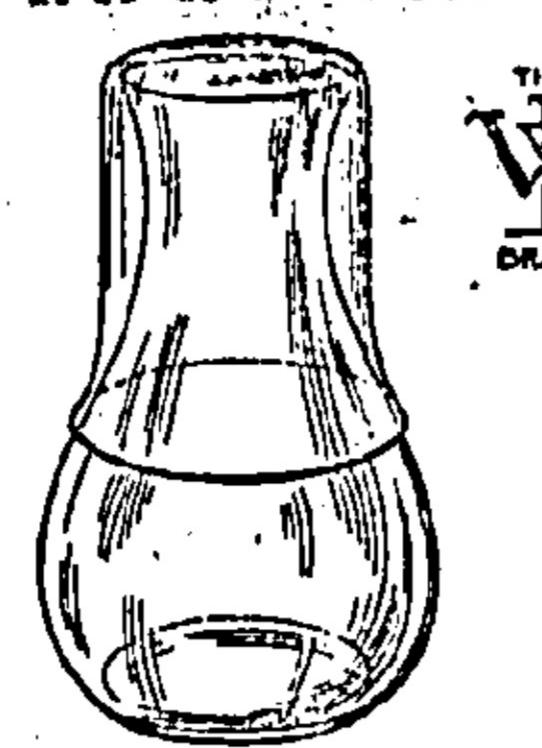
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## CHINA'S BUDGET.

The vacillating state of the finances of China was aptly described by the Minister of Finance, Dr. T. V. Soong, recently, when he stated that a budgetary policy adequate to meet the needs of the time could be obtained through the adoption of a positive programme of systematic and co-ordinated expansion extending over several years. China, in common with every other country, has suffered severely from the world-wide depression, aggravated in her case because silver, the currency of the country, has fallen to unprecedented low levels, demolishing import trade at a time when the foreign demand for Chinese produce was at an ebb. It was only to be expected, therefore, that the deficit in the annual Budget of the National Government would be serious. In the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929, the deficit amounted to \$20,000,000, not including \$20,000,000 borrowed from the Central Bank. In the last fiscal year the deficit amounted to \$10,000,000. During the six months ended December 31, 1930, as a result of the civil war, the deficit was even greater, and, according to preliminary figures, fresh indebtedness amounted to \$96,000,000. In the first half of 1931, the deficit by rights should be at a lower rate, even though the abolition of silk before the new source of revenue becomes fully effective weighs heavily on the Treasury. Given the absence of unforeseen events, it should be possible that by the united exertions of all parties a budgetary equilibrium may be attained in the next year.

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Falling a height of 14 feet from a ladder Cheung Hing (38), an employee of the Yan Hing Dairy, 14 Diamond Hill, was killed.

The Nursing division of St. John Ambulance Brigade will attend a street vaccination campaign for children only, commencing on Sunday, April 29.

It is notified by the Harbour Master that no examinations will be held for certificates of competency for masters, mates, and engineers during the week ending April 4.

A boy, Leung Lai-hing, aged four years, and living at 22, Li Po-leung Terrace, was yesterday taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from the effects of eucalyptus oil poisoning.

A concert has been arranged to take place in King's College on May 2, in aid of the St. John Ambulance Brigade funds, under the patronage of His Excellency the Governor and Lady Peel.

Unlawful possession of 76 taels of raw opium at Mongkok on Wednesday, cost Chan Mai, an unemployed Chinese, \$2,280 in the Kowloon Police Court this morning, with the option of nine months' imprisonment.

In the Kowloon Police Court this morning, two Chinese youths, Leung Yee and Chung Hung were ordered to receive twelve strokes each for stealing several articles of clothing. It was stated that the accused waited until they saw the clothing put out to dry and then made off with them.

Following a post mortem examination, it was ascertained that Ng Ki, a four-year-old girl of 367, Laichikok Road, who was stated to have died as a result of injuries received in an assault by a seven-year-old boy, succumbed from bronchitis and not from the effect of any assault.

## CORRESPONDENCE.

### RADIUM AND CANCER.

To the Editor of "China Mail."

Sir—I would be glad if you would make one correction in the report made in your issue of March 25 on the subject of Radium and Cancer treatment. It is there stated that "1 grain or 15.432 grammes of radium required 500 tons of ore and 250 tons of chemicals were needed to treat it." It should be 1 gramme or 15.432 grains of radium required 500 tons of ore and 250 tons of chemicals to treat it.

Yours, etc.,  
J. H. MONTGOMERY.  
Hong Kong, March 26.

## YING WA SCHOOL.

### ANNUAL PRIZE DISTRIBUTION CEREMONY.

There was a large attendance of parents and friends at the annual distribution of prizes at the Ying Wa Girls' School, in the Hop Yat Hall, yesterday. The Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling presided, and the prizes were given away by Mrs. G. P. de Martin. Mr. G. P. de Martin and Dr. Gibbons were amongst those present.

Mrs. D. Hutchinson, the headmistress, presented the annual report, which referred to the formal opening of the new school building by the Vice-Chancellor of the University, Sir William Hornell, on September 9 last; and also to the departure of Miss Davies after 42 years' educational work in the Colony, thirty of them at the Ying Wa Girls' School.

Two candidates had been successful in the Matriculation Examination, they being the first two ever entered from the school. The school branch of the Y.W.C.A. continued to flourish, and the Sunday school classes and Old Girls' Society reported encouraging progress.

Mrs. Hutchinson concluded by returning thanks to members of the London Mission, the staff of the Alice Memorial and Affiliated Hospitals, the Hop Yat Church, the Rev. Cheung Chuk-ling, and Mrs. de Martin.

A delightful concert by the students concluded the proceedings.

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News in Brief.

One non-Chinese case of diphtheria was notified yesterday.

The lowest open air temperature

yesterday was 63 degrees. The humidity was 79 at 10 a.m. and 78 at 4 p.m.

## GOLD STANDARD FOR SPAIN.

### KING'S PORTRAIT SLASHED.

\$38,000,000 Credit on Revolving Scale.

### U.S. BANK LOAN.

New York, Yesterday.

The famous banking corporation of J. P. Morgan have arranged for 18 months' revolving credit of \$38,000,000 for the Spanish Government to be devoted to regulating the Peseta during the period of the De Facto stabilisation contemplated by the Spanish Government, as a preliminary to the definite adoption of a gold standard.

It is learned that European credit equivalent to \$22,000,000 has also been arranged in this connection.

—Reuter's American Service.

[A message of March 24 stated:

—the prominent American banking

Corporation, J. P. Morgan and Co.,

are negotiating with the Spanish

Government for a credit of \$30,

000,000 in which it is expected that

British and French bankers will

participate.

The negotiations are still in the

formative stages.]

Stabilisation of Peso.

New York, Yesterday.

Oil companies operating in Mexico are lending the Mexican Government \$10,000,000 for the purpose of stabilising the peso through purchases of silver pesos on the New York market.—Reuter's American Service.

## CLAIM FAILS.

### ACTION BY SECRETARY OF SHANGHAI COUNCIL.

### PLAINTIFF TO PAY COSTS.

Shanghai, Yesterday.

The Court of Consuls dismissed

Mr. S. M. Edwards's claim with

costs.—Reuter.

Mr. Edwards (suspended Secre-

tary of the S.M.C.) sought \$5,000

damages, salary until termination

of his contract in 1932, and trans-

portation for himself and family

to England.

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## ROUND THE CINEMAS

NO USE FOR MECHANICAL  
PERFECTION.  
"MADAM SATAN."

That "reserve power" in voices is far more important than pitch, timbre, or any other measure of quality, is the belief of Cecil B. De Mille, producer-director for Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer, whose spectacular new comedy, with music "Madam Satan," is in the Queen's Theatre. "All of this business about special lessons in voice for screen stars is bosh," De Mille stated in a recent interview. "It isn't whether a voice is mechanically perfect, that counts; it is what that voice 'gets over' to the audience in the way of emotional feeling.

"A man or a girl can squawk, they can even hiss, if they will only give me in their voices that emotional reserve power which existed, in pantomime films, so very remarkably in the face of Gloria Swanson, Theodore Roberts, and others I might mention.

"In choosing Kay Johnson for the exotic name role of "Madam Satan," it so happened that Miss Johnson has an extraordinarily fine and technically perfect voice.

And Reginald Denny, the male lead, has the same splendid baritone which earlier won him fame as "Prince Danilo" in "The Merry Widow." No one can quarrel with the way either one of them produces the numerous songs in the picture. But I didn't pick either one of them because they were rather unusually fine human talking and singing machines. They were chosen because above all be-



"Why did you only get one side shaved?"

"I wanted to know if you liked it first."—*Lustige Blätter*, Berlin.

low what they actually sing and say are vibrations which tell more of their emotions than the words of the dialogue or songs.

"It is for these vibrations that producers are listening to-day, rather than mechanical perfection in reproducing."

## THE COHEN'S AND KELLYS IN AFRICA."

Bobbed hair still seems to be the popular style among American girls.

When Universal Studios cast its twenty-five girls for the harem scene in the Murray-Sidney feature-length comedy "The Cohens and Kellys in Africa," the current attraction in the Central Theatre, the make-up department was called on to supply the same number of wigs for all the dancers save seven, to give them the appearance of having long hair.

"It doesn't follow that all beautiful girls have bobbed hair," said the make-up artist, but it does show the average American girl still prefers the abbreviated form of tresses.

## THE COHEN'S AND KELLYS IN SCOTLAND."

If he takes up golfing seriously, he had better go into the caddying, was the conclusion reached by George Sidney, after an experience he had during the filming of "The Cohens and Kellys in Scotland," fourth of Universal's hilarious series to be seen in the Queen's Theatre on Sunday.

The script required Sidney to collect a lot of golf balls that didn't belong to him. While the scene was being shot on a famous Southern California course, the regular Club members continued to enjoy their sport.

At the end of the day, during which Sidney had given unquestionable evidence of his unfamiliarity with the game, he turned in his golf balls to an assistant director.

"How is this, Mr. Sidney?" quered that puzzled worthy. "I gave you only twelve balls this morning and you are returning twenty."

Looking at a number of golfers worriedly and fruitlessly searching the rough, the actor replied, "That's right, we were only taking a picture. You know, for a minute, I thought we were playing for keeps."

## "GOLD DIGGERS."

Ann Pennington, dancing star of many Broadway revues and musical comedies, makes her debut in "Vivacious Talking Pictures" in

## WHITE MAGIC.

## CALCIUM CARBIDE AND FRUIT SALT IN AFRICA.

The following is a true story of events which took place in Kenya Colony.

The scene of action was a maize farm in the Solai Valley; there were 600 acres of maize which had to be harvested quickly as the rainy season was approaching.

A mixed gang of Kikuyu and Lumbwa natives were engaged on the harvest work and for the first week all went well. On the Monday of the second week the headman reported the complete cessation of work of all the Kikuyus. On further inquiries it transpired that two of the Lumbwa, having made unsuccessful love to two Kikuyu maidens, had proceeded to lay a curse on the girls, one of whom lay at death's door and the other felt very poorly. The Kikuyu refused to work until the curse was lifted.

Now as the Kikuyu formed the greater part of the gang, it was very important to get them back on the job quickly so it was up to the manager to get a snappy solution forthwith.

First he ascertained the names of the two curers, then he stopped all work and had the whole gang up in front of his house in their tribal sections.

Having delivered a long harangue to the effect that his spirit was troubled by bad medicine in the affairs of the estate and that being a bit of a medicine man himself he brooked no rivals, he also stated that he felt the trouble lay in the Lumbwa section. He then caused all the Lumbwa (15 in all) to stand forward and gave each one a stone explaining that his magic would cause the stone of the guilty man to smoke and crack. This caused considerable mirth until it was seen that the stones of the two curers were definitely smoking. Carbide of calcium looks very like the local form of stone but acts very differently with water.

There was a distinct edging away from the guilty pair. A further test was applied—each Lumbwa was given a pinch of salt which had to be dropped in a glass of water. White man's magic was to cause the water of the guilty man to boil. As each one dropped in his salt relief appeared on their faces until the guilty ones, carefully kept until last, caused the water to boil over the glass thanks to Eno's "Fruit Salt."

Terrific consternation was registered and the whole gang bolted except the two guilty men who dropped on their knees and confessed to the whole thing, offering to lay off the curse.

In two days the girls recovered but the great thing was that all the Kikuyu returned to work next day. Since then there has been no rival magic worked on the estate.

## AIR SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

## Dutch-Indian Agreement Brings It Nearer.

Dutch aeroplane will be sent from the East Indies to Australia in May on a trial flight, but it is expected that that part of the eventual service to Australia will be taken over by the British.

It is announced that the Indian Government has agreed to grant facilities to the Dutch postal air service to the East Indies in exchange for Dutch facilities for a British service to Australia via the East Indies.

Meanwhile, the plans of the Royal Dutch Air Service to open a passenger service to the East Indies are rapidly progressing. A number of large aeroplanes which are nearing completion will be put into service in a few months.

The company is arranging for hotel accommodation along the route. The single fare will be about \$200.

Warner Bros.' "Gold Diggers of Broadway," a 100 per cent. natural colour, singing, talking, dancing picture in technicolor, coming to the Queen's Theatre on Tuesday.

Her role, which is one demanding the utmost of her dramatic and terpsichorean talents, marks her return to the screen after more than three years on Broadway.

During the past three years she has been the star of George White's "Scandals" in the Apollo Theatre in New York. Before that she starred in several feature silent motion pictures.

In the all-star cast with Miss Pennington in "Gold Diggers of Broadway" are: Lillian Tashman, Conway Tearle, Albert Gran, Winnie Lightner, William Bakewell, Helen Foster, Julia Swayne Gordon, Gertrude Short, Nick Lucas, Neely Edwards, Lee Moran, and Armand Kalitz, and a brilliant chorus of 100.

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## FEDERATION IN INDIA.

## Grounds of Mutual Understanding.

## PRINCES' ROLE.

The British people have yet to realize the full significance of the Socialist Government's policy, viz., that in the words of the Lord Chancellor, "the responsibility for the Federal Government of India will in future rest on Indians themselves." This eagerness to abdicate is justified by its supporters—including the Liberal leaders—as following inevitably from the sudden agreement of the Indian Princes and the Indian politicians, writes Sir Michael O'Dwyer (formerly Lieutenant Governor of the Punjab) in a Home paper.

Mr. Lloyd George, hitherto the stoutest opponent of Dominion status for India, covers his retreat by the explanation that "the declaration of the Princes of their intention to join in a Federal Constitution for India has revolutionised the whole state of affairs."

Authority Sapped.

It is pertinent to inquire how this agreement, involving the almost immediate substitution of Indian for British rule, came about. It was in this way. The Indian Princes since the Montagu-Chelmsford reforms have been seriously disturbed by the fear that the so-called democratic institutions imposed by us on British India will in time lead to the sapping of their hereditary and automatic authority in their States. Indeed the Congress leaders in the past have made no secret of their intention, once they have got rid of British authority, to wipe out these "feudal anachronisms."

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## Ground For Alliance.

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have no real place. For under it British authority, even in the Central Government, would be whittled down to a mere shadow, a pale ghost sitting on the tomb of the once mighty and benevolent British Indian Empire!

Many of the Princes here have made no secret of their dislike of the whole proceeding. Some, indeed, spoke out in this effect in the Conference. Others, including the greatest States, while not enamoured of the federal idea, would not oppose one in which British India and the States would be equal partners, with the Crown and Parliament as the final authority in all federal matters, as proposed by the Simon Commission; but, then, Conservative sections were swamped by the more ambitious and vocal.

Similarly, the Moslem and other minorities look askance at the result of strengthening the existing Hindu majority by bringing in the States—predominantly Hindu—and they regard the Government as allies of the high-caste Hindus. But, whatever one may think of the result, one must admire the consummate state-craft of the Brahman politicians who have achieved it. What of the British delegates? One now understands the exclusion of Sir John Simon from the Conference.

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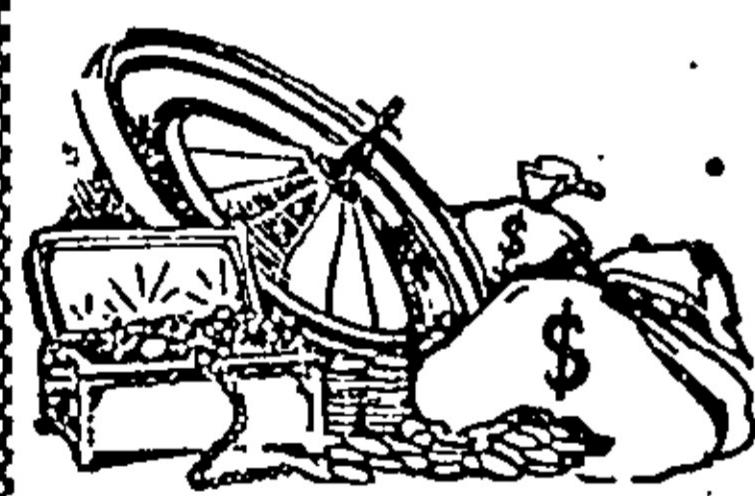
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### Who'll Win?

#### TO-MORROW'S LEAGUE GAMES AT HOME.

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The following is a list of Home football matches to-morrow. The teams in black type may win; where no black type is shown the match may result in a draw:

#### INTERNATIONAL.

#### SCOTLAND v. ENGLAND

#### ENGLISH LEAGUE.

##### Division I.

ASTON VILLA v. BLACKPOOL  
BOLTON v. NEWCASTLE C.  
CHELSEA v. LEEDS U.  
GRIMSBY v. BIRMINGHAM  
HEDGESFIELD v. BLACKBURN  
LIVERPOOL v. PORTSMOUTH  
MANCHESTER U. v. SHEFFIELD U.  
MIDDLEBROUGH v. ARSENAL  
NEWCASTLE v. SUNDERLAND  
WEDNESDAY v. LEICESTER C.  
WEST HAM v. DERBY CO.

##### Division II.

BRADFORD v. CARDIFF  
BRUNSWICK v. BRADFORD C.  
MILLWALL v. BURY  
NOTTS F. v. SWANSEA  
OLDHAM v. PLYMOUTH  
PRESTON v. PORT VALE  
READING v. BURNLEY  
SHAMPTON v. CHARLOTTE  
STOKE C. v. EVERTON  
TOTTEHAM v. WEST BROMWICH  
WOLVES v. BRISTOL C.

##### Division III.—South.

BRENTFORD v. CLAPTON O.  
BRIGHTON v. BOURNEMOUTH  
BRISTOL R. v. WALSALL  
CRYSTAL P. v. THAMES  
EXETER v. SWINDON  
GILLINGHAM v. FULHAM  
LUTON v. QUEEN'S P.R.  
NEWPORT v. NOTTS C.  
NORTHAMPTON v. NORTON  
SOUTHBEND v. WATFORD  
TORQUAY v. WEST BROMWICH

##### Division III.—North.

ACCRINGTON v. STOCKPORT  
BARROW v. HALIFAX  
CARLISLE v. HALIFAX  
CHESTFIELD v. DARLINGTON  
CREWE v. GATESHEAD  
ROCHDALE v. NELSON  
ROTHERHAM v. NEW BRIGHTON  
SOUTHPORT v. LINCOLN  
TRAMMELL v. HULL  
WRENTHAM v. WIGAN

#### TO-MORROW'S SNIPS.

Home.  
Aston Villa.  
Chelsea.  
Wednesday.  
Bradford.  
Brunswick.  
Brentford.  
Southend.  
Torquay.  
Carlisle.  
Chesterfield.  
Southport.  
Away.  
Manchester City.  
Sheffield United.  
Coventry.  
Stockport.

#### Our Sports Diary.

##### LOCAL.

##### LAWN TENNIS—To-day— H.K.C.C. Tournament.

HOCKEY—To-day—Caer Clark Cup—St. Andrew's Club v. Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club; Radio Sports Club v. H.K. & S. Brigade, Marlin Ground, 5 p.m.

To-morrow—Caer Clark Cup—Club de Recreio v. Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club.

CHESS—To-day—Entries close for Kowloon Chess Club's Junior Championship.

April 7—Open Chess Championship commences.

LAWN BOWLS—To-day—Lawn Bowls Association Annual Meeting, 5.30 p.m.

ATHLETICS—To-morrow—Aryl & Shandland Highlanders Sports, Spooknook, 1.30 p.m.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-morrow—Club v. Navy, Club Ground, 3 p.m.

April 4—Club v. Army, Soo-kum-poo, 3 p.m.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—First Division—Police R.C. v. Chinese Athlets; Royal Artillery v. Kowloon E.C.; Club v. Navy; Club de Recreio v. Borderers; St. Joseph's v. South China A.A.; Division II—Kowloon F.C. v. Chinese Athlets; Arylls v. Eastern University v. Borderers; Division III—R.A.F. v. R.E.; R.A.O.C. v. South China A.A.

April 18—Sunday—Herald Charity Cup Final—Scotland v. China.

CRICKET—To-morrow—Division I—Hong Kong C.C. v. Crickengower C.C. (L); Kowloon C.C. v. University (L); Division II—Crickengower C.C. v. Royal Engineers (L); Civil Service C.C. v. University (R).

FENCING—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

GOLF—Thursday—Entries close for Shanghai Visitors' Cup, Fanling.

April 5—Shanghai Visitors' Cup, Fanling: Open Fouromes, Kowloon.

RACING—April 4 and 6—Second Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

April 18—Third Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

HOME.

RACING—To-day—Grand National Steeplechase.

#### GOLF.

#### STARTING TIMES FOR SUNDAY.

The Royal Hong Kong Golf Club notify the following starting times for Fanling for Sunday:

0.08 a.m. C. B. Riggs, G. B. S. Thomson.

Not to be booked by those arriving by train.

9.20 " Capt. Weir, Comdr. Priestley.

9.24 " R. J. Edwards-Jones, S. J. H. Fox.

9.28 " P. S. Grant, J. G. Lanigan.

9.36 " S. T. Butlin, A. G. Ellis.

9.40 " C. B. Brown, F. C. Law.

9.44 " A. J. R. White, D. C. May.

9.48 " T. Sundara, G. T. May.

9.52 " J. Whyte, W. Paterson.

9.55 " W. S. Hillier, H. Hampton.

9.57 " W. G. Shields, J. Stunt.

9.59 " G. H. Wilson, C. Castle.

10.04 " A. Lynch, N. K. Littlejohn.

10.08 " B. D. Evans, W. H. Rigg.

10.12 " G. W. Reeve, C. Mycock.

10.15 " O. Eager, A. D. Humphreys.

10.20 " R. K. Hepburn, A. C. I. Hawker.

10.24 " R. M. Wood, J. E. Richardson.

10.28 " C. W. Jeffries, T. S. Whyte-Smith.

10.32 " E. H. Williams, G. A. Leiper.

10.36 " P. Sykes, L. Yates.

10.40 " A. O. Brown, W. S. Dykes.

10.44 " G. T. Thach, K. K. Rounds.

10.48 " G. A. C. Plummer, T. A. Martin.

10.52 " S. A. Sleep, W. N. Buyers.

10.56 " E. I. Hesle, W. A. Cornell.

11.00 " J. P. Sherry, C. P. Bass.

11.04 " V. R. Gullion, A. H. Penn.

11.08 " A. A. Macfadyen, G. Flinnerton.

11.12 " R. M. Shaw, W. C. Clark.

11.16 " W. R. Vallance, H. S. V. Mossop.

11.20 " D. F. C. Cleland, I. H. C. Higlett.

11.24 " G. H. M. Andrew, M. N. Cochrane.

11.28 " A. H. Ferguson, A. B. Purves.

11.32 " A. Ritchie, R. Young.

11.36 " C. M. Gee, L. H. Ridfin.

11.40 " E. Stone, J. Coulthart.

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11.48 " D. J. Keogh, H. Lowe.

11.52 " C. B. Matthews, R. F. Clark.

11.56 " L. G. S. Dowdell, J. M. Walker.

12 Noon " A. R. Cox, G. G. S. Thompson.

12.04 p.m. E. des Voeux, L. R. Andrews.

12.08 " P. S. Cassidy, G. W. Garrett.

#### HOCKEY.

#### Y.M.C.A. SECOND ELEVEN IN DRAWN GAME.

At King's Park yesterday the Y.M.C.A. second eleven played a drawn game with the University second eleven, both sides scoring seven goals. It was a very fast though scrappy game and heavy scoring was indicated when at half time the University led by 5 goals to 3.

In the second half the "Y" played with more understanding and soon wiped off the deficit. The visitors, however, went further ahead as the result of two quick goals, but before the final whistle Ashton and Brown again placed the "Y" on level terms.

W. J. Brown (two), Dr. Ashton (three), H. Müller and W. H. Smith scored goals for the Y.M.C.A. Result:

Y.M.C.A. .... 7

University ..... 7

To-day's Game at King's Park.

The following have been selected to represent the Y.M.C.A. against a team from the Kowloon Ladies' Hockey Club at 5.15 p.m. to-day at King's Park:

A. Burson; S. Sweet, L. Tippler, E. Armstrong, R. A. Bates, D. Kirby; G. Burnett; W. H. Smith, F. Parker, H. Müller, and W. J. Brown.

#### SATURDAY'S GAME.

Y.M.C.A. II. v. K.B.S.F.P.A.—

At King's Park.

Y.M.C.A. II.—F. Allen, A. Tate,

L. Tippler, L. Macey, J. M. Purvis,

R. A. Bates, W. H. Smith, Ashton,

F. Parker, A. E. Brown, and W. J. Brown.

#### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

#### INTERPORT FIFTEEN FOR TO-MORROW

The following will represent the Hong Kong Rugby Football Club in the Triangular Tournament match against the Navy at Happy Valley at 3 p.m. to-morrow:

J. P. Whitham, G. R. More, R. H. Griffiths, G. A. L. Plummer, G. P. Lamerton, M. W. Turner, J. W. King, W. E. Pears, H. J. McElvey, E. F. Buttress, F. R. Burch, W. F. Leslie, B. P. Massey, D. L. Milne-Day, and E. B. Gamwell.

#### LAWN TENNIS.

Rain interfered with the programme at the HKCC yesterday, two matches being abandoned.

C. A. L. Rumjahn and J. A. E. Cassumbooy beat J. W. Leonard and G. Lai 6-2, 6-3. The match between Paul Kong and W. T. Lee and H. Lo and Iu Tak-cheun was left unfinished with the score at one set all. The Fincher brothers were leading Ng Kam-chuen and Tao Ping-fan 6-3, 8-4, when further play was impossible.

#### REVIVAL IN ARMY FOOTBALL.

#### Present Season Better Than Last.

#### THIS YEAR'S TRIUMPH.

The British Army's football record in recent seasons fades almost out of view before past glories, writes Norman Ackland in the Morning Post. Last year they were beaten by the French Army and the Belgian Army, as well as losing to the Royal Navy and Royal Marines and the Royal Air Force in the Inter-Services Tournament. This was their worst season. But since 1925 all has not been well; indeed, in spite of having a much larger field to draw upon they



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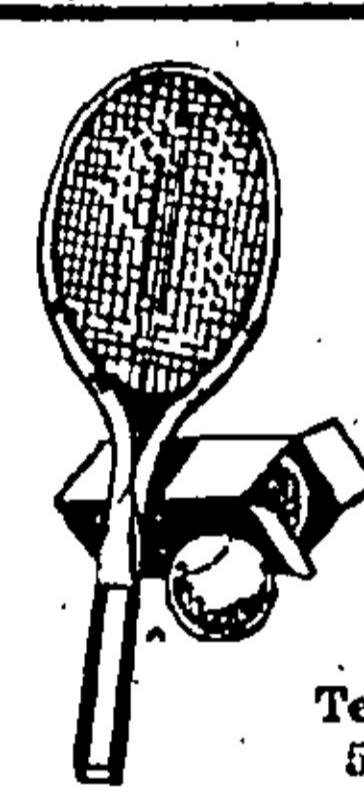
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## ITALIAN WOMEN AND THEIR SPORTS.

Considerable Interest in Recent Ban.

### VARIOUS OPINIONS.

Considerable interest was created in Britain recently by the announcement that the Italian Light Athletics Union had stated, through the Italian Sports Federation, that Italy would not compete in the women's events at the Los Angeles Olympic Games in 1932, or at any international meeting for women.

The decision, it is added, follows the opinion expressed by certain Italian doctors that athletics as a whole (particularly running) are not suitable for Italian women, although a good word is put in for tennis.

Below are the opinions expressed by various women interested in sport and education in Britain.

Professor Winifred C. Cullis (of the London School of Medicine for Women): "Sport is an essential for women, as it is for man. It improves her physique, and she has been far too long prevented from enjoying it. From the purely physiological point of view the average healthy girl is presumably as competent to play football as

the average healthy boy. Physiology, however, is not everything, and allowance must be made for ethical and psychological points of view. It is on these grounds that I deprecate football for women, as I do boxing. Hockey and lacrosse as games for girls are admirable, while fencing must be regarded as one of the ideal sports for women."

#### A Distinction.

Miss E. A. Rand (of the London University Appointments Board): "There is a difference between the women who excels at sport to the point of taking part in international events, and the woman who merely plays for the sake of the game. I do not think that intense concentration on any one sport is good for a woman either physically or otherwise, or that such particular skill is of much practical assistance to her subsequent career."

Lady Florence Barrett (the gynaecologist): "All careful observations during the last twenty years on the effect of athletics on the normal functions of women show that exercise is not only wholly good for women, but is also essential to their normal health."

Miss C. M. Davy (Principal of Queen Alexandra's House Physical Training College): "I think that sports for women are decidedly beneficial in moderation. Women's physique differs from men's, and consequently sports should be taught to women by wo-

## GOLF FINALIST'S BAD LUCK.

### LADIES' FINAL.

Florida, Feb. 24. Miss Helen Hicks beat Miss Virginia Van Wie in the final of women's golf championship of Florida, at Palm Beach, at the nineteenth hole. Miss Van Wie, in making a one-foot putt which would have given her the championship, struck her opponent's ball resting on the rim of the cup and holed it.—Central News.

Miss Hicks had beaten Miss Diana Fishwick, the British champion, in the semi-final.

### CHARITY FOOTBALL.

On Sunday two charity football matches between sides representative of the Combined Chinese and the Royal Navy will be played on the Club ground, Happy Valley.

The junior elevens will play at 2.30 p.m. and the senior elevens at 4.15 p.m. in aid of the free school fund of the Tung Kun Chamber of Commerce. Mr. Ma Se Tsang, the well-known Chinese actor, has kindly presented a silver Cup for the winning senior eleven, and Mr. T. N. Chau is also kindly presenting silver medals to all the players taking part in the games.

The Tung Kun Chamber of Commerce wish to thank the Hong Kong Football Club for the loan of the ground and also the Royal Navy for their assistance.

men who understand the subject thoroughly."

Mrs. Lambert Chambers: "From my experience, I would say that tennis is a perfectly suitable game for women to play."

## THE LAWN TENNIS PROFESSIONAL.

### Must Raise the Amateur Standard.

#### MASS INSTRUCTION.

The position of the professional player in the British lawn tennis scheme of things is decidedly challenging at the moment, writes H. R. McDonald in the Evening News.

He agrees with me, I think, that his future does not lie in exhibition play, which has been tried and has failed, but at the same time he is not content to spend his days knocking up against amateurs at one of the big clubs.

The average British lawn tennis professional, like the rest of us, is not satisfied to see England occupying a lowly position in the international arena, and in his diagnosis he is naturally apt to cite the neglect of the professional side of the game in this country as the cause of our present period of depression.

He believes that more use could be made of the professional talent in the country, especially in the direction of coaching.

#### "Spotter" Required.

One enthusiast among the professionals would like to see up-to-date coaching centres established in various parts of the country with a professional responsible to the Lawn Tennis Association in charge.

With such official backing, headmasters and parents could be approached, and the L.T.A. suggests, might help with a subsidy in cases where fees were a deterrent.

If many pupils came forward at any particular centre they could be taken in classes to save time and expense; the fundamentals of lawn tennis in footwork and stroke technique readily lend themselves to instruction "by numbers."

Much mass instruction has already been given, I believe, by some of our coaches, and with success.

There is little doubt, too, that a good deal of the latent talent among our young players would be unearthed at these centres and brought to the notice of the L.T.A.

The governing body might even appoint a "spotter," whose business would be to visit every coaching establishment and report on the talent and aptitude of the pupils.

#### Foreigner Invited.

To encourage and develop the talent of the younger professionals competitions might be organised on public courts, to which the public could be admitted at a small admission fee.

Thus on both sides of the game new avenues would be opened up, for the production of star players to compete against the leading players of the rest of the world, who at the moment, to tell the plain truth, seem to be a bit above our class.

So far British professionals have achieved little of note outside their own country or apart from their own national championships, and I have always thought it a sad comment on our paid players that Kazel Kozeluh, the great Czechoslovakian player, should ever have had to be brought to this country to coach and advise the British Davis Cup team.

With the rise of Daniel Maskell, the present British professional champion, who plays the virile modern game with so much skill, this is not now necessary. I certainly think the country which invented lawn tennis ought to be able to rely upon its own genius to win back lost honours.

While Wimbledon remains a purely amateur meeting, the success or otherwise of our professional competitions may not seem a matter of great moment to the general public, who have little to grumble about in the play provided

in the annual championships at the All England grounds.

#### Second Fiddle.

But if the barrier against the professional is removed, it will be vitally necessary that our own professionals should be able to compete on something like level terms with the paid stars from overseas.

Otherwise the country may have to pass through another dreary era with another set of players playing second fiddle to challengers from other countries.

Even if Wimbledon does not "turn pro" there is always a possibility that an open championship may be inaugurated in one of the countries owing allegiance to the International Federation, whose rules, according to American tennis friends, already permit of such a championship being staged.

At the moment there is not a professional in England capable of winning the title at such a tournament. If men like Tilden, Hunter or Vincent Richards were to compete in it, I do not think even one of the great continental professionals not excepting Kozeluh, would be first open champion of lawn tennis.

In this state of affairs any movement on the part of our professionals to speed up their own game and produce champions would be almost as welcome as the production of an amateur capable of winning back the Wimbledon title, which has not been won by an Englishman for over twenty years.

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#### Rugby, Yesterday.

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New York ..... 4.85 29/32

Brussels ..... 34 5/16

Geneva ..... 20.58 1/2

Amsterdam ..... 12.12

Milan ..... 92.75 1/2

Berlin ..... 20.38 1/2

Stockholm ..... 18.14 1/2

Copenhagen ..... 18.56 1/2

Oslo ..... 18.16

Vienna ..... 24.56 1/2

Helsingfors ..... 164

Madrid ..... 45.1

Lisbon ..... 108.25

Athens ..... 375

Bucharest ..... 217

Rio ..... 8 11/16

Buenos Aires ..... 39 5/32

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Bombay ..... 1/5 27/32

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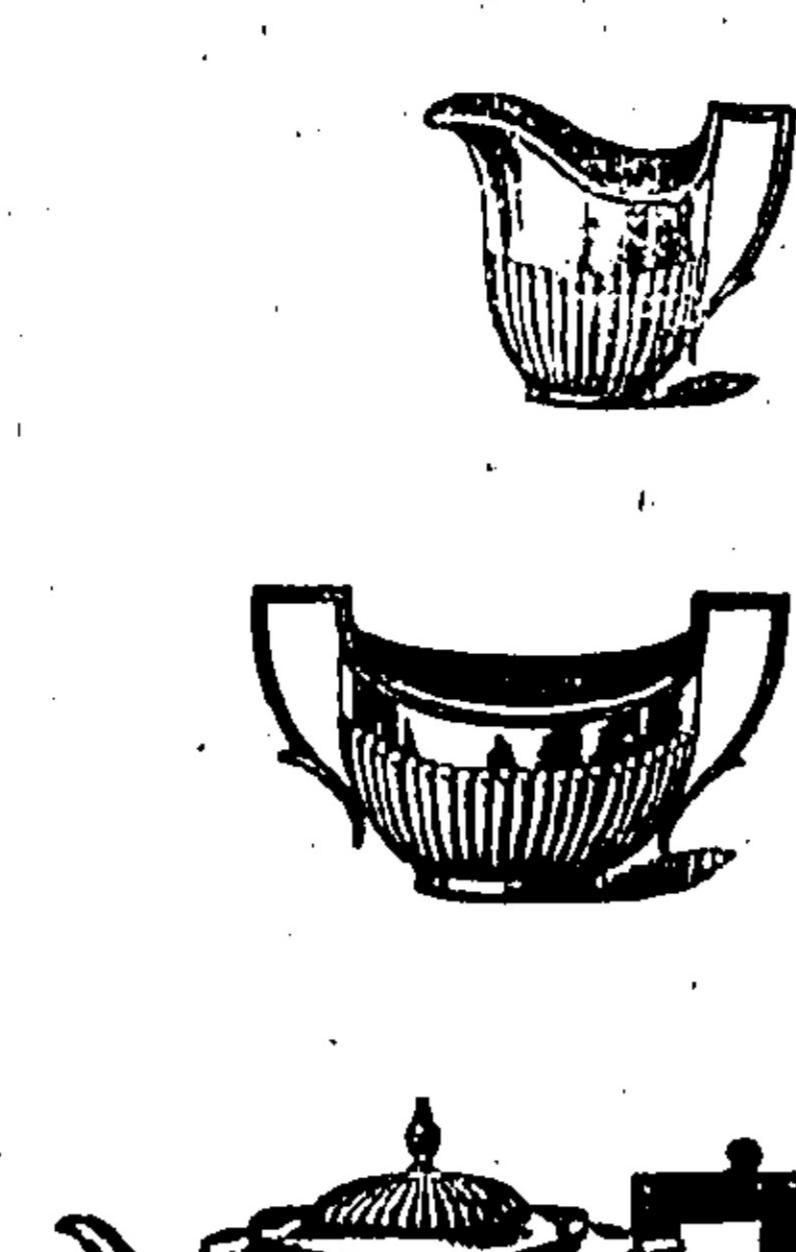
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7-10.30 p.m.—European Pro-  
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7-15 p.m.—Instrumental.

Orchestral—

a. Volga Volga,  
b. Russian Gipsy Dance,  
c. Conchman Don't Forget the  
Horses,

b. The Merchant,

Gipsy Orchestra (V34).

Accordions—  
Rhapsody in Blue—Excerpts,  
Fomeny Brothers (V6).

Violin, Flute & Harp,

O Sole Mio,

Addio a Nostre,

Venetian Trio (20248).

Saxophone Solo—  
Serendido Badine,

Rudy Wiedoeft (20086).

Piano & Accordion—  
Sharpshooters March,

Mario Perry (20250).

Violin, Cello & Harp—  
Humoresque,

Venetian Trio (20130).

Piano & Accordion—  
Italian Spanish Favourites,

Mario Perry (20249).

7.35-8.03 p.m.—Humorous Num-  
bers.

Chorus—  
Strike Up the Band,

Singing a Vagabond Song,

The Revellers (22410).

Vocal Duet—  
I At the Boloney,

Billy Murray—Monroe Silver

(20095).

Song—  
My Horses Ain't Hungry,

Kelly Harrel (20103).

Vocal Duet—  
Happy Go Lucky Days,

The Duncan Sisters (19987).

Male Quartet—  
The Sidewalks of New York,

Shannon Quartet (20123).

Song—  
To whom It May Concern,

Johnny Marvin (22604).

8.03-9 p.m.—Orchestral & Band  
Selections.

Serenade (Strauss),

De Groot and the Piccadilly  
Orchestra (V9).

Fingal's Cave (Hibrides)—Overture,

St. Louis Symphony Orchestra

Conducted by Rudolph  
Ganz (1913).

A Medley of Waltzes (German),

Menetto in B Minor,

Marche Militaire (Schubert),

Victor Salon Orchestra

directed by Shilkret (20308).

The Fairies of the Fair,

Sousa's Band (20132).

Vienna Waltz (Schubert),

Rosamunde Ballet Music (Schubert),

Victor Salon Orchestra

directed by Shilkret (20307).

Moments Musicals (Schubert),

Victor Salon Orchestra

directed by Shilkret (20283).

The Gridiron Club March,

The Pride of Wolverines,

Sousa's Band (20276).

Don Juan Overture (Mozart),

Concert Orchestra (V29).

Salut D'Amour (Elgar),

Victor Concert Orchestra

directed by Shilkret (22699).

9 p.m.—Weather Report, Local  
Time, etc.

9.05-9.50 p.m.—Concert Items.

Piano Solo—  
Suggestion Diabolique (Prokofieff),

Fairy Tale (Medtner),

Benny Moiseiwitsch (1449).

Song—  
Love Tide of Spring

(Bettie Glazoinow-Porgo),

Lucrèzia Bori, Soprano

(6692).

Violin Solo—  
Cavatina (Raff),

Souvenir De Moscow (Wieniawski),

Mischa Elman (6693).

Song—  
Serenade (Schubert),

John McCormack & Victor

Salon Group directed by

Shilkret (6927).

Violin Solo—  
Scherzo-Tarantelle (Wieniawski),

La Ronda Des Lutins (Bazzini),

Jascha Heifetz (6159).

Piano Solo—  
Album Leaf (Greig),

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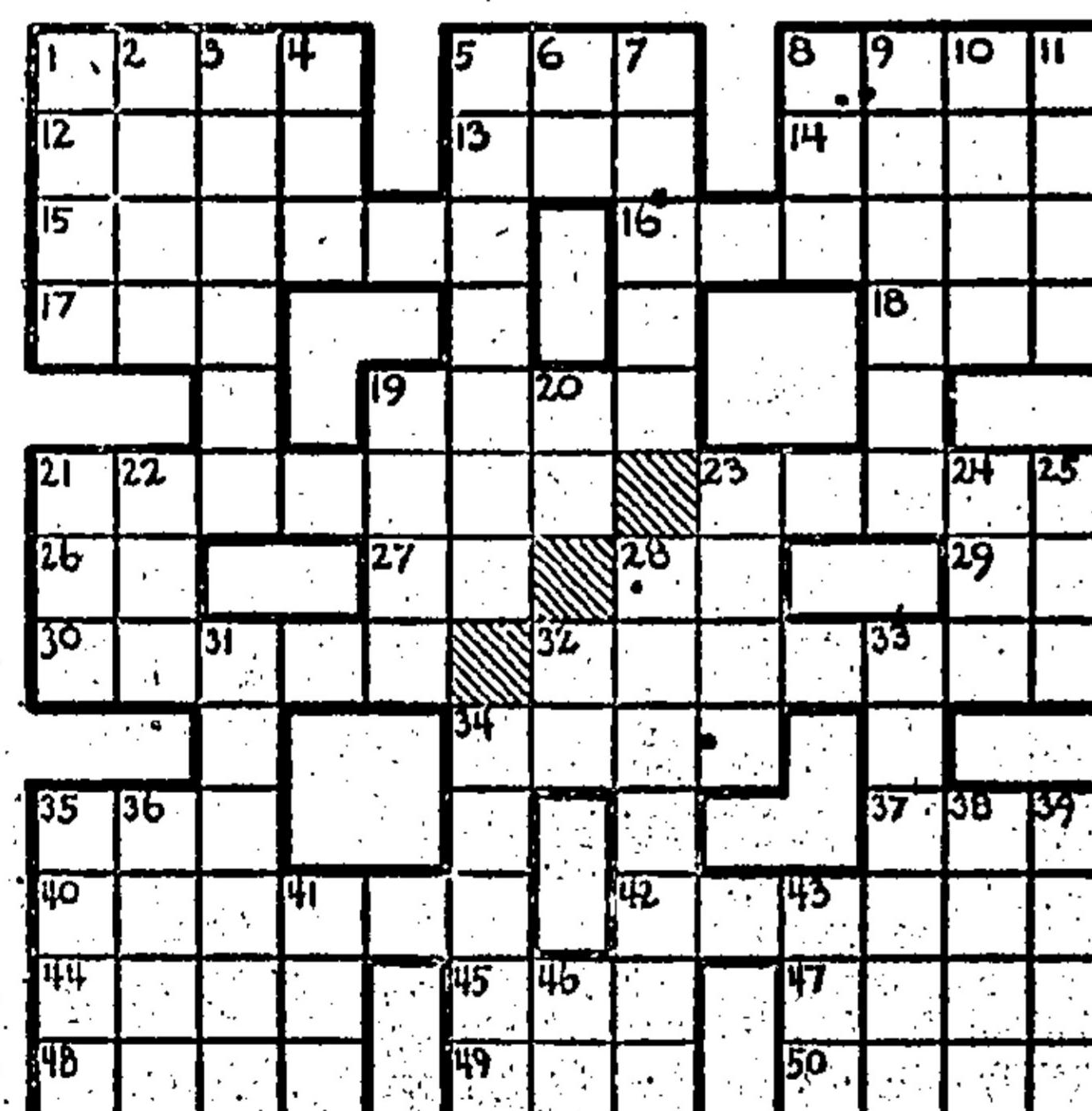
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



## HORIZONTAL

1-Lethargy  
2-Fabulous bird  
3-Trunk  
4-A kind of alcohol  
5-An age  
6-An accessory seed-covering  
7-Tried  
8-Island group of British West Indies  
9-A fragment  
10-A number  
11-Twofold  
12-To relate in detail  
13-Relating to an hour  
14-Upon  
15-Man's name (short)  
16-To perform  
17-Musical notes  
18-A proclamation of command  
19-Bore  
20-Groan  
21-Extremely suitable in some place  
22-The above pronunciations will appear in the following form now, with a few other words.

## HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

40-Bring into line  
41-Poss unnoticed  
42-Soldier  
43-Sca eagle  
44-One of the continents  
45-To encounter  
46-To bend in the middle  
47-Large plantigrade carnivore  
48-VERTICAL

## VERTICAL (Cont.)

8-Public speaker  
9-Calcined limestone  
10-Ardor  
11-Musical composition for two players  
12-Close to  
13-Fish eggs  
14-To bring to a close  
15-A cape, southern extremity of S. America  
16-Have existence  
17-Groan  
18-A hat or favorite  
19-A familiar antiseptic  
20-Prefix—with  
21-To lay or exact, as a tax  
22-Foundations  
23-A soothing application  
24-Conduce, as to one's credit  
25-Organization  
26-Comprise  
27-Examination w. a microscope  
28-Complaint  
29-Adhesive  
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## YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION

**CORRIDOR AREA NEAT BLOATED AFRESH**  
WET ME EYE EAT REED NADIR STIR ORRIS RAM AISLE  
NIB CHAMPERDE ACG HOP REPS AS  
DO A UNICORN'S U OFFER FAR OPHIR FARM OPMAN DASH  
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**GRENADIER AREA NEAT BLOATED AFRESH**  
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RCA SP AM DEU ELLIOT M KIP DIA  
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TALKIE TALKS  
by Diane

BY DIANE

Watch for the opening on Tuesday. Make it one premiere to be remembered in this Colony. Our newest Talkie Theatre, the King's. Give the newest acquisition a big hand. A Paramount picture with stars we love, Jeanette MacDonald and Jack Buchanan (Glasgow's own) in a polished musical, "Monte Carlo," directed by the man who gave us "The Love Parade." I need not praise Ernest Lubitsch needs no Press Agent stuff, because he has come near perfection in screen musicals. One thing is most noticeable in his direction, songs advance the opera; they do not hold it up. He keeps the story moving whether it be in song or word.

I told you that the story concerns the love affairs of a Count who masquerades as his beloved's hairdresser. Mark you, it is for the adult, but all the children will go just the same; they will not appreciate the subtlety of Lubitsch. There are only two people who count; both acquit themselves with first honours. Jeanette is in particularly lovely voice, and her part allows her best acting to date. Jack Buchanan is fifty per cent, better than he was in "Paris," and he was dashed good in that. Zazu Pitts, Claud Allister, Lionel Belmore, John Roche and Albert Conti make this film run smoothly. Beautiful scenery, gowns, women, catchy songs, a most sumptuous theatre — we ask nothing more. Our best congratulations to those who have helped to make it the beautiful thing it is, and the sincere good wishes of all the "dyed-in-the-wool" fans to the new management. (King's).

"Gold Diggers of Broadway." Having seen this more than once in the States, I cannot but ask is it the same play I remember liking so much when I had the pleasure of seeing Ina Claire in the original part. Now I can only advise you to go and see the gold-digger, Winnie Lightner. Admittedly she contributes a lot of noisy comedy, but she has the personality that can only be summed up as "stealing the show." There are others; their names do no matter. Conway Tearle, frowning as usual. Nick Lucas sings, and sings, there is colour, but too much of it (if I am not mistaken this was amongst the first); rooms that are over-stocked with gaudy furniture; orgies where we see chorus girls (as we are told in song and story) who dance on tables and drink out of slippers. Anne Pennington, the perfectly beautiful little dancer, doing a tiny bit. Songs which will haunt you especially "Painting the Clouds with Sunshine" and "This Life's a Play from the start; it's hard to play through part when there's an ache in your heart all day"—pretty words, pretty music. Go to the Queen's and hear that audience laugh. If you go by me, you would only see a "Lady of Scandal" or a "Let Us Be Gay," and those sort of subjects do not make the most popular appeal. Warners have changed the play pretty completely into musical, jazzy, lively show. I have seen Winnie Lightner on the stage, and she can sing red-hot songs. She has conquered vaudeville and revue, and now, since her success in this film, she goes from one picture to another. Lives in Beverly Hills with her husband and son. She is perfectly natural, what an acquisition in a time when all are posing or studying camera angles. She is rowdy and a little rough, has a marvellous voice, a most infectious grin—one could not be polite enough to call it a smile. Believe it or not, Winnie will make you like "Gold Diggers" even if you think, as I do, that it is a good play spoiled. (Queen's).

If you liked the previous experiences of the Cohens and Kellys, you will most certainly like them in Africa. Charlie Murray, George Sidney, Vera Gordon and Kate Price are at their best. Screaming funny when they find themselves in a harem. For this type of play, recommended. (Central).

"Cohens and Kellys in Scotland." The same happy nonsense about two business rivals. This

time they are buying up plaid to clothe a few million people who will all want to wear it when the Prince of Morania, who acts the fashion of the world, appears wearing it. Gofers will laugh watching George Sidney and Charlie Murray attempting to play Scotland's grand old game. Kate Price and Vera Gordon, when they take too freely of a new kind of soda water, are quite amusing. There isn't much of a plot. The story hangs together by a series of gags, but if you are keen about the adventures of this pair in all parts of the world, go to the Queen's.

"Madam Satan" dizzled, dazed, amused, and bored the different patrons of the Queen's. It was SO de Millis. If the truth be told the settings were absurdly fantastic. Every one in the cast except Roland Young seemed buried under the de Millis trappings. Judged by this effort the master director is losing his cunning. Angela's vow that she will make her husband so sick of vice that he will cry for decency, and then strives by every known feminine will to make him lose his head and heart) caused me to smile. It hit a pretty preposterous note.

Roland Young was born in London. He adores reading, loves interviews, loves animals. Son of an architect, went on the stage because he was no good at work, so he says. Has a mad hobby for collecting penguins. Has them all over his Beverly home, in all shapes and materials. Kay Johnson, wife of famous director, John Cromwell, also of the stage. Daughter of very famous architect, the man who designed the Woolworth Building. She possesses a charming speaking voice, beautiful figure, and when given a chance with proper plays, is a distinguished actress. Reginald Denny, doing excellently in farce, more suited to it. Now in his late thirties; served through the War in the Flying Corps; married twice. A big hit in the Movies, but even bigger in the Talkies.

HOLLYWOOD GOSSIP.

In letters from Hollywood, I hear there is a great deal of distress. Perhaps it accounts for the fact that at the opening of Charlie



Charlie Chaplin.

Chaplin's "City Lights" in the new Los Angeles Theatre, the crowd was in an angry, almost revolutionary mood. The spoiled darlings in their gorgeous gowns and ermine wraps, who drove in their Rolls Royces, had to park their cars and walk a long distance fighting their way through a dense mass of people. Windows were smashed, pockets picked, the crowd would not stand back in spite of the doubled efforts of an enormous force of Police. A terrible downpour of rain did not mend matters. Chaplin arrived with the famous Einstein. Seats sold at \$10 in the top gallery.

Critics are unanimous in their verdict that it is the best thing Chaplin has ever done. I, personally, do not doubt that more pictures like this will be made, for the big reason that the Talkies are costing so much more than the silent. Some prophets even go so far as to declare that in twenty years from now dialogue may disappear, but Sound Never. Chaplin argues for musical accompaniment, pantomime, and sound effects. Speech is not missed in this picture, BUT there is this to be considered, there is only ONE Charlie. Only one genius who could write, direct, and act like this man, who stands alone. Take the average picture like "Divorce." As a Talkie, it cost around \$400,000 to produce, and its takings are approximately a million and a half. As a Movie it would have run into at most \$200,000 and yielded ten times that amount. In "Marlene Dietrich's first American talkie, "Morocco," von Sternberg, the Director has run red after real

with no speech and this picture is a riot. Harold Lloyd at Chaplin's advice, in his next picture will speak as seldom as possible. Time alone will prove whether Chaplin has the right idea.

Carole Lombard and William Powell are seen everywhere together.

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Tail	尾	尾	尾	lb.	27	20
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Leg	羊腿	羊腿	羊腿	lb.	40	26
Shoulder	羊肩	羊肩	羊肩	lb.	36	24
Saddle	羊鞍	羊鞍	羊鞍	lb.	40	—
Pig's Chittlings	猪仔	猪仔	猪仔	lb.	30	27
Brains	猪脑	猪脑	猪脑	lb.	—	—
Feet	猪脚	猪脚	猪脚	lb.	16	15
Fry	猪油	猪油	猪油	lb.	28	18
Head	猪头	猪头	猪头	lb.	18	—
Heart	猪心	猪心	猪心	lb.	15	10
Kidneys	猪肾	猪肾	猪肾	lb.	10	8
Liver	猪肝	猪肝	猪肝	lb.	48	30
Worl Chop	猪排	猪排	猪排	lb.	36	25
leg	猪腿	猪腿	猪腿	lb.	38	—
Loin	猪背	猪背	猪背	lb.	44	60
Fat or Lard	猪油	猪油	猪油	lb.	26	21
Sheep's Head & Feet	羊头羊脚	羊头羊脚	羊头羊脚	set	60	70
Heart	羊心	羊心	羊心	lb.	12	8
Kidneys	羊肾	羊肾	羊肾	lb.	15	10
Liver	羊肝	羊肝	羊肝	lb.	45	25
Sucking Pig, to order	猪仔	猪仔	猪仔	lb.	25	22
Steak, Beef	牛排	牛排	牛排	lb.	30	20
Mutton	羊排	羊排	羊排	lb.	36	26
Veal	牛仔仔	牛仔仔	牛仔仔	lb.	22	20
Sausage	牛仔仔	牛仔仔	牛仔仔	lb.	28	—
No. 1.	牛仔仔	牛仔仔	牛仔仔	lb.	32	—

## Fish.

	鱼	鱼	鱼	lb.	45	16	24


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#### PORTUGUESE BANK NOTES SCANDAL.

Judgment Reduced to  
£300,000.

#### STAY OF EXECUTION.

London, Yesterday. The Court of Appeal to-day reduced judgment against Messrs. Waterlow and Sons to £300,000. A stay of execution pending an appeal to the House of Lords was granted.—Reuter.

[Mr. Justice Wright gave judgment in the King's Bench Division on December 22 in favour of the Bank of Portugal for £531,851 against Messrs. Waterlow and Sons, Printers, of whom Sir William Waterlow, ex-Lord Mayor of London, is a Director.

The case was a sequel to the amazingly bold coup by a swindler, in fraudulently obtaining over £1,000,000 worth of bank notes direct from Waterlow's on forged orders. The Bank of Portugal sued Waterlow for £1,115,673, alleging, alternatively, breaches of contract, negligence, or conversion in connection with the printing of the Portuguese bank notes.

Plaintiffs' counsel asserted that an international swindler named Marang called at Waterlow's in 1924, bearing a forged letter from the Governor of the Bank of Portugal, and ordered notes which were duly supplied and circulated.

Defendants' counsel raised legal arguments which the Judge decided to hear next term. He, therefore, deferred entering judgment.]

#### LIBERALS' POLICY.

NO DECISION REACHED BY  
MEETING.

#### VOTE OF CENSURE.

London, Yesterday. Mr. Lloyd George read at a meeting of the Liberal parliamentary candidates the declaration policy recently adopted by the Liberal Party in favour of the general support of the Government under certain conditions.

The meeting, after a long discussion reached no decision but left the matter in the hands of the Parliamentary Party. The latter's attitude will be revealed on the division next week on a Conservative vote of censure on the subject of unemployment.—Reuter.

#### FULL INDEPENDENCE.

Rugby, Yesterday. Addressing the Liberal Parliamentary Candidates to-day Mr. Lloyd George recommended to them the declaration which the Liberal "Shadow Cabinet" had adopted. This enunciated the complete independence of the Liberal Party coupled with a policy of co-operation and understanding with the Government for carrying out progressive measures common to both parties. Every effort should be made to effect a settlement of Indian problems, while the Free Trade policy hitherto pursued by the Government should be supported. They were willing to run risks as a Party for the sake of such great aims as peace, disarmament, and harmony in India and a more energetic unemployment policy. He expressed the view that if the Government were turned out of office at the present day in accepting the award of the National Wages Board for a re-adjustment of wages.—Reuter.

#### GRAND NATIONAL PROBABLES.

Richmond II and Skrun Prince Scratched.

#### CHANGES IN JOCKEYS.

London, Yesterday. Richmond II and Skrun Prince were scratched from the Grand National to-day. It is also stated that T. Morgan will ride Annadale, Niando will have the mount on Rhyticere, Bidecup on Royal Arch, and Sassoon on Pixie.

The revised list of probable starters and jockeys will follow as follows:-

Easter Hero ..... (Rees)  
Gib ..... (Foster)  
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Ballaspot ..... (D. Williams)  
Guiding Light ..... (McKeever)  
Great Span ..... (Hardy)  
Georgintown ..... (Maxwell)  
Apostasy ..... (Brooke)  
Sandy Hook ..... (Fish)  
Rhyticere ..... (Niandot)  
Easy Virtue ..... (Powell)  
Big Black Boy ..... (Payne)  
Aspirant ..... (Parvin)  
Starbox ..... (Urquhart)  
May King ..... (Fanshawe)  
Oxclose ..... (F. Gurney)  
Melleray's Bell ..... (Mason)  
Alike ..... (Slater)  
Glengesia ..... (Browne)  
Morekene ..... (Cooke)  
Ruddyman ..... (Brown)  
Solunar ..... (Hamey)  
Tamasha ..... (Elliot)  
Mallard ..... (Dutton)  
South Hill ..... (Cullinan)  
Annandale ..... (T. Morgan)  
Harewood ..... (Goode)  
Toy Bell ..... (D. Morgan)  
Sleaze-Green ..... (Mosley)  
Ballyhanwood ..... (Isaac)  
Royal Arch II ..... (Bidecup)  
Pixie ..... (Sassoon)

—Reuter.

#### OFFICERS' PAY IN HONG KONG.

Not Paid on Same Basis  
As Civil Servants.

#### QUESTION IN HOUSE.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. Everard asked Mr. Shaw whether military officers in Hong Kong recruited on a sterling basis were now paid on the basis of half at the true of exchange and half at an artificial exchange. Mr. Shaw denied that officers were thus paid and said that the majority were paid in sterling but some preferred to draw their pay from the command paymaster and they were paid in dollars at the official rate of exchange.—Reuter.

#### RAILWAY PEACE.

ASSURED IN BRITAIN FOR AT  
LEAST A YEAR.

London, Yesterday. Railway peace is assured Great Britain for at least a year as a result of the decision of the National Union of Railmen to-day in accepting the award of the National Wages Board for a re-adjustment of wages.—Reuter.

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#### NEW SOUTH WALES IN THE SOUP.

Refusal to Pay Interest  
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#### THREAT TO SECEDE.

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—Reuter.

#### RANGOON RIOTS.

SKIRMISHES BETWEEN REBELS  
AND POLICE.

#### LEADERS KILLED.

Rangoon, Yesterday. Twenty-eight people were killed and large numbers wounded in skirmishes between rebels and the police in the Insein district of Burma.

Sixty-five rebels attacked the Police outpost, but the Police drove them off, killing four and wounding one. They also captured a gun and other weapons. There were no casualties among the police.

Later the rebels felled a tree across the road and ambushed a bus containing an Indian medical officer and a posse of Police. The doctor was seriously injured and two rebels killed while others were wounded.

Simultaneously the Police and Punjabis found a rebel camp in the jungle and killed twenty-two of the rebels and captured seven others who were wounded. They also recovered a gun. They suffered no casualties themselves but two important rebel leaders were killed.—Reuter.

#### WORLD DEPRESSION

OPTIMISTIC NOTE OF SIR  
ARTHUR SALTER.

#### "OVERPOVERTY."

Nanking, Yesterday. Sir Arthur Salter, speaking at a tiffin given by the International Club, sounded an optimistic note in connection with the worldwide depression. He declared that the present crisis was due to over-production and not due to general poverty.

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